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EDITORIAL

Lunations and Ingresses

Recently there has been a good deal of criticism of these classes of figure as a means for political prediction.

It is quite clear that the old fashion of basing "mundane" astrology almost entirely upon such maps is absurdly mistaken. One has only to recollect that more than one capital city has a "companion" on almost the same meridian, e.g. London and Madrid, Berlin and Rome, Brussels and Amsterdam. Therefore, in many cases, the horoscopes for the lunations and ingresses would be not only identical zodiacally, but almost so mundanely, for each of these pairs. The ascendant might or might not be very different. Why, therefore, if these maps are all we have to judge by, did Holland avoid the war of 1914-1918 which fell heavily on Belgium? Why was Madrid devastated when London was not, and vice versa?

On the other hand, I would not go to the other extreme and reject the use of such charts entirely. There have been far too many instances in the present war of their working remarkably well.

I am, however, convinced that they do not often coincide with *obvious* results unless bodies are exactly on angles, or at least in exact aspect with these. Thus the summer ingresses of 1940 and 1943 both showed Mars on the M.C. at London, though very differently aspected, and in each case the correlated events were important and plainly to be recognised. But in neither year was Spain equally affected because Mars, though near the meridian at Madrid, was not virtually upon it, as at London.

Still, I should say that mundane figures (ingresses and lunations) are always of secondary importance. The basic datum for scientific prediction must be the map for the birth of the nation, or, since that will usually be unobtainable, for its present form of government or constitution.

Lunations and ingresses, for places other than the capital cities, seem to have little value even as regards local affairs, though I suspect that a close knowledge of these would often reveal something appropriate. Of course a conjunction (say) of Mars and Uranus might culminate on the meridian 2° West, but no one in his senses would expect to find that a trail of fire, explosion and murder would spread itself along the whole of that meridian, throughout the inhabited world.

If, on the other hand, some capital city receives the impact of such a conjunction exactly on its meridian, tradition tells us that the nation concerned will assuredly feel the effects. Why this mysterious significance attaches to a metropolis I will not even attempt to explain, at any rate now. Perhaps some of the "scientific" astrologers who think that the planets work like wireless transmitters will tell us.

"Symbolic" Directions

The use of the word symbolic in this connection has lately been criticised on the grounds that it is by no means clear what is symbolised. I am not very happy about the term myself, though I believe I was responsible for its introduction, "Fixed-increment directions" seems the only alternative, clumsy though it is.

The Rulership of the Five Senses

A student has recently written for information on this topic.

I have always understood that the rulerships are: ☿, the sight; ♀, taste; ♂, smell; ♃, touch; ♁, hearing; but obviously not all of these can be easily tested. Sight is well known to be a rather special subject, to which much attention has been paid. It would seem that Mercury has a general rulership over the nervous system, so that it would be rash to assume that an affliction to this body will always affect the sight, and most students, rightly or wrongly, connect blindness with certain stars and nebulae, whilst the eye-balls are placed under the Lights.

Cases bearing on taste and touch have but rarely appeared in our literature, though loss of the former and abnormal conditions of the latter are not uncommon.

There seems little doubt that the sense of smell is ruled by Mars-Scorpio, or Mars on its negative side; of this I have several examples.

It is fairly certain, too, that Saturn rules, or at any rate is nearly connected with, hearing, and my correspondent cites the

case of a child with this planet rising in ♀ opposed to Uranus who screamed incessantly until it was discovered that it was irritated by the neighbouring church-bells. In later years he sublimated this aversion by joining a church choir and learning to play the organ.

Minor Aspects

Ensuing on our remarks about the semi-square and sesquiquadrate in our last issue, one or two readers have drawn our attention to the frequently serious character of the quincunx. With this view I have much sympathy. In fact, I question if the quincunx is in any sense of the word a "minor" aspect.

With the exception of the really "heavy weight" contacts, such as those between the Sun and the majors, few aspects have much value unless the components are in contact at birth, or are at least prominently placed in a general sense at birth. But granted this proposition, I think the quincunx may often be followed by events of a marked nature.

And although it has a 6th- and 8th-house quality, its value is not always unfortunate, in my experience. On this point, however, I would welcome opinions.

Sometimes it seems, when formed between bodies natally in opposition, to relieve the tension of that contact. Thus, if I may for once cite a personal example, my ♃ ♀ ♄ points to residence abroad: when ♄ came to ♄ by radix measure at the end of August 1919, I was demobilised.

An Astrologer Honoured

It is always good to hear of honour being paid to astrologers, even though, up to the present, it is not for their astrology that they are honoured. It is a refutation of the allegations sometimes made that astrologers must be mere dreamers, incapable of sound action or judgment.

Mr Francis Carney, on whom the shrievalty of the City of Nottingham has just been conferred, is well known to those who attended the Harrogate Conventions prior to the war. He is an open and fearless champion of astrology and is also a gifted amateur homoeopath, to whom many owe their restoration to health.

Born at Chatham at about 1.40 p.m., July 23, 1877, Mr. Carney has a brilliant nativity, with ♀ and ♃ close to the M.C. in Leo, in close trine to ♄ in Sagittarius in the 2nd.

The conjunction of the malefics in ♄ on the 5th (Campanus) denoted the tragic loss of a son in a motor-cycle accident on October 10, 1931, at Nottingham.

I first met Mr. Carney in the insurance world, about 1914, without discovering our common interests. Since then he has entered the building trade with notable success. It is probable that further municipal distinction awaits him in the fairly near future.

The War—Retrospect End of August

On August 30th died King Boris, thus fulfilling the old adage, to which we referred, that an eclipse in the first decan of Leo portends the death of rulers. He was born at Sofia, at 7.15 a.m., January 30, 1894. I have reason to believe that this was local time, in which case the eclipse fell on his descendant. I cited two adverse directions in the last editorial; besides these, ♀, ruling his 8th (Campanus), was ☐♂ by $\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$, and by the same measure ♄ received three trines, making a grand trine formation. There were many rumours concerning his death. He was of a scientific turn of mind, being especially fond of locomotives, and he was also reported to have been of a merciful disposition and averse to invoking the death-penalty.

About the same time King Christian of Denmark was involved in violent outbreaks which suddenly occurred all over his country. This monarch was born, according to the Legation, at midnight on September 26, 1870, at Copenhagen.

September

At 4.30 a.m. (Central European Time?) on the 3rd the Eighth Army landed at Calabria and an armistice with Italy was signed on the same day. This was announced on the 8th, our Sun sextile radical Jupiter (1801 figure) being exact at this momentous period.

The natus of the King of Italy is given in *Notable Nativities* and is a rather interesting study, I think, from the standpoint of house-division. The elevated Jupiter, and the strong aspects to Neptune, seem to have been the factors that have kept him on his throne through a troublous reign. Students of astro-physiology may care to send us their views as to the indications of his lack of inches.

On the 8th also, Field-Marshal Stalin announced the complete liberation of the Don Basin. Certainly a calamitous day for Germany. It was by now patent to all that her military strength was no longer equal to the enormous burdens which she had assumed.

In a broad sense the collapse of Italy undoubtedly was most plainly shown by the eclipse in Leo. We dealt with some of the incidences of this phenomenon in our last issue, but it is worth noting that it also fell in very close opposition to ♀ ♁ in the German Empire map, in which ♀, besides being the natural significator of allies, rules the 12th, and therefore has an "accidental" relation with disasters so far as this map is concerned. Readers will remember that by radix measure this ♀ is not far past ♂ ♀, which was exact at the time of the Stalingrad catastrophe and was very characteristic of the German reaction to it. We indicated also that the eclipse fell ♂ ♁ in Hitler's pre-natal epoch, assuming the period of gestation in his case to have been anywhere near normal.

Mussolini's escape from custody emphatically justified astrology; it happened more or less exactly as his ruler came to the sextiles of ♄ and ♀. It remains to be seen what the future holds for him; his ☉ ♂ ♁, now past by o-d and radix increments, falls next year by converse secondary motion.

For the rest, we won the hard-fought battle of Salerno and Sardinia and Corsica were occupied, whilst almost the entire Italian fleet fell into our hands. In Russia a German retreat occurred on a vast scale. The Balkan patriots overran large tracks of important country and in the Pacific the Japanese began to show signs of military deterioration.

Thus amply were fulfilled the messages of the summer ingress, the August eclipse and our fortunate directions.

October

Early in the month Corsica was liberated.

A general Russian advance against the Dnieper line was begun on the 7th.

Confirming our predictions of ever heavier air-warfare, *The Times* wrote, on the 11th, of the "new peak in air war" whilst on the 12th Rabaul received a bombing that amounted to a major Japanese defeat. Saturn had just been stationary near a sensitive spot in the maps of Hirohito and of the Japanese Constitution (♀ and ♄) respectively, in 27° ♏).

On the 12th the agreement with Portugal for our use of the Azores was made public. At Lisbon ♂ rose in the autumnal ingress map.

At 4.0 p.m. (C.E.T.?) on the 13th Italy declared herself to be at war with Germany.

Our dealings with Badoglio have given rise to much criticism in the Press, but it is difficult to see in what better way the Italians can show their repentance than by actively helping

us to win the war and thereby aid in the liberation of those countries, i.e. Greece and Jugoslavia, that they have particularly wronged. If it be argued that their repentance is assumed, I would reply that this is doubtless true of many Italians; but not necessarily of all. Certainly the predominant wish of most of us, I am sure, is to see the war brought to a victorious conclusion as soon and with as little loss as possible.

As the month came to an end the Three-Power Conference opened at Moscow, whilst the great Russian victories on the Lower Dnieper followed each other in quick succession. This may be correlated with our Venus conjunction M.C. (OD—1801 figure), to which we referred as an "aspect of victory." Venus in Aquarius showed clearly that it was to be the victory of our Russian allies.

On the 25th the final words of our September editorial were echoed almost word for word by General Montgomery—"victory is now in sight."

November

The rising Saturn in the lunation figure at Washington was followed by a great though brief coal-strike, demonstrating that this substance is correctly said to be ruled by the dark planet, and confirming also what had already been written in the first section of this editorial as to the circumstances under which these maps produce obvious results. There were also heavy Republican election gains, and it seems probable that this party, traditionally caricatured as an elephant, is under η .

Prospect

December

The Ingress shows three malefics in the 12th at London and in Gemini, one of them, η , being in square to the midheaven. φ is $\square \delta \mathfrak{H}$; happily these two are $\triangle \Psi \ast$ Pluto.

At Moscow $2\downarrow$ is in the 1st, $\ast \eta$, which is excellent. I shall be surprised if the quarter does not bring overwhelming success to the Russian arms, resulting in the complete and final liberation of their country from the invader.

The lunation, on the 27th, shows φ in the 1st house at London and just above the ascendant at Berlin; but it can hardly be called strong in other respects. We, however, have the benefit of $2\downarrow$ just past the midheaven.

At Moscow δ and \mathfrak{H} are almost exactly setting, and, though they have some good contacts to help them, they are still in affliction with φ . It has been argued lately that lunation-figures

are of no value but I should be surprised if this one does not affect Russian relations with a foreign Power, at least for the time being. But the continued sextile of ♄ and ♀ will prove a sure stand-by to Russia.

The malefics in Gemini, two of them in affliction with ☿, are not helpful to U.S.A., where party strife, acrimonious labour disputes and newspaper battles will be more in evidence than ever.

On the 30th there is a conjunction of Mars and Uranus in 5-37 ♊ and *at Berlin this conjunction exactly rises.*

In this war the astrologer has to try to sail safely between the Scylla of "spreading alarm and despondency" and the Charybdis of "encouraging complacency." Hence I will say only that this figure is, from the German point of view, a grim one—perhaps the grimmest of the war; that it almost certainly shows an unprecedented destruction of their cities; and that it *may* show their own rising in desperation against their masters. It falls near Hitler's Pluto, in the 8th. It is repeated in 5-08 ♊ on January 16, but at the time of writing the hour is not known to me.

Apart from the mundane figures we have in *December* Sun trine radical Uranus (1801 map) to which constant reference has been made. This is to some extent detrimented by the radical square, though this is weak: nevertheless I shall be disappointed if some unexpected good fortune does not befall us, perhaps chiefly through our Allies (♁ in ♋). We have also His Majesty's Sun trine progressed Pluto in *January*, passing to trine radical Pluto in *August*; and whilst the former will certainly bring new offensives by our armies, the second may indicate final victory in Europe.

The difficulties of this quarter seem to be diplomatic, rather than military.

January

The lunation, on the 25th, is a total eclipse in Aquarius 4½°. The Lights oppose Pluto, but are in trine to Mars and Uranus in Gemini and to Neptune in Libra, making a most powerful formation, and one that brings to the fore the old question of the significance of grand trines, even if in this case the opposition of Pluto to the Lights may tend to interfere with the purity of its significance.

Since an eclipse in Leo appears to menace the mighty ones of the world, it would seem that one in Aquarius should afflict

mankind as a whole. Ramsay says that an eclipse in the first face of Aquarius "causeth publique sorrow and sadness."

It seems to point to labour troubles for us, at any rate if we accept the Campanus cusps.

Obviously it affects the U.S.A. powerfully and no less the U.S.S.R., since their respective signs are involved. Sweden, too, is an Aquarian country, and Libra may rule, or at least specially affect, China and Japan.

But at Moscow ♄ rises, in trine to Venus and sextile to Saturn, so that it is, for that country, a sign of triumph and liberation.

For Germany the figure is evil, since the locus falls on the descendant at Berlin, and I would venture to predict the imminent dissolution of the Axis association of nations. Italy has already fallen; Japan realises that she must stand on her own feet and can expect no direct help from Germany. The other allied nations see the writing on the wall and will probably seek, as Mr. Churchill put it, to work their passage home.

A map, I suggest, of changing and disintegrating relationships.

February

Yet again, in the lunation, we find the grand trine in evidence, though once more split by Pluto.

At London ♀ is exactly on the M.C., trine ♀ and ♄, the former being on the recent eclipse. Again, changing relationships.

I daresay the prominent Neptune will lead to fresh manifestations of the "urge to plan" which is so marked a feature of our days and which is rapidly leading us to a condition which may bring with it many blessings, but certainly not that of personal freedom.

The lunation itself is in square to ♄, which sets at London.

Anti-British propaganda in the United States seems likely to be unusually active; on the other hand, in the field, the American Air Force will be particularly daring and successful.

Happily it is not a map for the Germans to welcome, since, as ♄ sets at London, so ♂ sets at Berlin, with ♀ only just above the horizon. Despite the good aspects that these malefics receive, I believe the upshot will be evil for Germany. Her relations with her satellites will be strained or broken. The melting-pot will by now be in full operation.

The infamous Laval now has ☉ ☐ ♀ r. and should disappear in the public welter.

Meanwhile we, as astrologers, should increase our knowledge of the grand trine. This occurs again in the spring ingress.

We will now add a few words about Japan, which does not seem to be much affected by the mundane figures. However, the emperor is at present under bad pre-natal directions, viz. Sun square Neptune progressed and radical, and Venus, ruling roth, square Uranus and Pluto. Evidence has not been lacking that she has already realised the seriousness of her position. She has for a long time striven to make peace between Russia and Germany, so that the latter would be free to exert greater pressure on the Allies and thus relieve her own problems. Our own view is that President Stalin is far too shrewd a man to leave the destruction of Hitlerism only half achieved, putting aside all points of national honour. Japan will collapse, but, so far as our present investigations go, we do not expect this to happen very soon despite some pleasing signs of her discouragement.

THE EDITOR

Final Revision: November 9, 1943.

We are compelled by lack of space to hold over till the next issue some interesting correspondence.

MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

By H. B. PILKINGTON

Nor so long ago my attention was drawn to a case of threatened mastoid trouble, which had been swaying up and down in severity for many months.

Astrologically the ear is under the sign Taurus in the main, though the sign Aries and the early degrees of Gemini may also be centres of horoscopic evidence.

Cornell gives the 3rd degree Aries-Libra as a common positioning for abscesses in the ears. The right ear is given as ruled by Saturn, the left by Mars.

Moon, Mercury, Jupiter or Saturn, afflicted in Taurus, or the sensitive areas of Aries and Gemini, can be indicative of lines of treatment.

In the case of prolonged threatened mastoid trouble, or slow recovery following the mastoid operation, the homoeopathic "capsicum" can work wonders. It is a quick-acting remedy. One needs to study also, in cases of ear trouble, conditioning in the 12th house, particularly if Mercury be there. Curiously enough, Carey does not make mention, as does homoeopathy, of the Taurus salt, natrum sulph., in cases of this kind, where

its special symptom indications are "Outward forcing pressure in the ears. Lightning-like stitches and sounds like the tinkling of distant bells."

Where the parts are obviously red and inflamed a brilliant hue the homoeopathic belladonna, which is under Taurus, is obviously appropriate.

Mercury in affliction would naturally suggest kali mur. as useful, and its correctness would be additionally indicated if the patient could hear better midst a confusion of noises, and the tongue was white or greyish white.

Nash writes: "A great many cases of chronic, incurable deafness might be cured by this remedy if used early."

Where the ear trouble is shown by afflictions on the Fixed Cross mag. phos. would be indicated by the sign Leo, and auditory nerve pains of the neuralgic type.

Natrum mur. (Aquarius) should be judged useful if the outer parts of the ear are swollen, with watery discharges from the ear itself, or the patient had a very wet mouth.

Calc. sulph. (Scorpio) comes in when there is deafness, with thick discharge, possibly mixed with blood. Where this remedy is needed there will likely be an additional pain-focus just over the eyes.

The Aries degrees mentioned would bring in the cardinal cross, with kali phos., natrum phos. and calc. phos. as the remedies on that arm.

The symptom differentiation is not difficult to locate. Cold feelings around the ear, bones ache, made worse by touch, and conditions allied with rheumatic complaints show calc. phos.

The need for natrum phos. (Libra) is shown where the tongue and back part of the roof of the mouth is a creamy yellow. The outer ear may have postular eruption.

Kali phos. (Aries) comes in well in ear-ache borne by a patient of the nervous type. Confused noises make hearing worse.

Two cell salt remedies are shown for selection when mutable remedies, in addition to kali mur. already mentioned, are needed. These are:—

Silica (Sagittarius) which is pointed to as useful where a stopped-up sensation obtains in the ears, with swelling of external parts. Gatherings in the ears. It assists suppuration. "Worse at full moon time" is a useful indicant symptom to remember.

Kali sulph. (Virgo) has at least half a dozen symptom indicants which, where present, reveal its usefulness. Thus, yellow-greenish discharge. Evening aggravation with rising

temperature. Better walking in the open air. Wandering pains in the limbs. Worse in warm room. Ear-ache with a rattling cough.

Diseases of the throat are mainly covered in the chart by Taurus and Scorpio, and planets therein. Moon afflicted in Taurus goes with excess of mucus and phlegm in the throat.

Venus afflicted in Taurus makes the throat sensitive to cold.

The 2nd house is often indicative of throat conditions.

The homoeopathic "Phytolacca," which is prepared from the herb "Poke Weed," acts like a charm in cases of tonsillitis, diphtheria, or scarlet fever. This remedy is virtually a vegetable Mercury.

The patient has bruised feelings over the entire body and must move even though movement brings aggravation. Excruciating pains when attempting to swallow.

What is known as "relaxed throat" is commonly associated with Venus afflictions.

Suppuration of the tonsils is shown where Neptune joins in the indicative configuration.

Libra or Sagittarius on the ascendant, which places Taurus on the 6th or 8th houses, is found in cases of follicular tonsillitis.

It is not always easy from one chart alone to detect the required remedy for a given situation.

There may be two pieces of planetary pattern involved, the one connected with the immediate, acute condition; and the other with more basic factors. Exploring the full range of horoscopic potencies takes time.

If one is under the necessity of answering quickly, other factors may be brought in to aid and speed up judgment and to assure the giving of immediate relief.

Those worried during bright, clear weather are aided by the Gemini-ruled Bryonia, especially Saturn in Gemini. Mercury in Sagittarius tends to make its subjects quite sensitive to cold, wet weather, when the homoeopathic Mercurius will give relief.

When dry warm weather ameliorates one of the sulphur combinations comes in useful, as, for example, calc. sulph., the Scorpio-salt.

Where foggy days cause suffering to persons liable to "goose flesh," Gelsemium (under Jupiter) will work splendidly. Those short of blood under this weather condition are helped by China, which in under Mars.

Wet and warm weather can, with afflictions on the mutable cross, both aggravate existing condition and render one liable to chill under such circumstances.

Gelsemium (Jupiter), ipecacuanha (Moon), and iodine (Pisces) will benefit in their respective spheres.

Mr. Pilkington has kindly consented to answer questions for inquirers. His address is "Glendale," Derwent Way, Neston, Cheshire.

THREE U.S.A. CRUISERS

By THE EDITOR

SINCE the outbreak of the war the American Federation of Scientific Astrologers has published very useful information on the launching of American warships, and in the issue of their bulletin Vol. IV, No. 11, they give the data for the three heavy cruisers *Astoria*, *Quincy* and *Vincennes* which were lost off Guadalcanal between August 7th and August 9th of last year.

These are respectively (a) December 16, 1933, Puget Sound, Washington, 2.00 p.m., Pacific S.T., (b) June 19, 1935, Quincy, Mass., 12.38 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, or 11.54 a.m. L.M.T., (c) May 21, 1936, Quincy, Mass., 12.00 noon Eastern Daylight Saving Time or 11.16 a.m. L.M.T.

We cannot reproduce the detailed examination of these cases given in the American periodical. But it will be noted that in (a) there was on July 13th a lunation on the nadir in opposition to Mars in the figure; in (b) the preceding full moon is a powerful index of trouble; and in (c) p. ♃ had come to the square of itself and ♁.

The writer closes with these impressive words:

"The United States and Great Britain have the finest navies in the world. They are manned by the finest officers and blue-jackets there are. We have every right to be proud of them, and we are. Some of our own members are officers in these forces for righteousness among nations. Blame, if any, for the lack of use of astrological knowledge on the part of those in authority, rests largely on those scholastic dictators who through the years have condemned and decried astrology as a superstition, and upon the lack of foresight on the part of astrologers themselves to so present their astrological findings and knowledge that it would demand attention, investigation, respect and acceptance.

"But nevertheless, the challenge still stands, that astrology be tested by unbiased officials. We warrant that the result will be even greater efficiency than that already attained."

The services rendered by the U.S.A. Navy to the Allied cause have been immense. They have probably saved India, Australia and perhaps Russia from Japanese invasion. We do not

know whether any of our readers fail to realise this, but certainly we do not, and we gladly pay our homage to these gallant ships and their companies. Our own Navy has had, on the whole, a less spectacular but no less glorious part to play, and it neither needs nor asks for praise.

“SCIENTIFIC” ASTROLOGY

By THE EDITOR

FROM time to time I receive or read letters and articles pleading for more “scientific” astrology.

Sometimes the writer appears to mean by this a more objective and critical approach to the subject and less readiness to accept hypotheses as true without full examination. That is certainly laudable, and I for one welcome all such tendencies. And, I believe, some improvement in our ways can be noted in this respect. One hears a little less of the sort of dogmatic statement that such-and-such a position means so-and-so, when you know, whilst you listen, that the speaker has probably observed something of the sort in about two cases and has immediately made a rule out of them.

Others, again, mean that we should abide by some sure principles, either those handed down to us by tradition, or, if we can find them, some that are better than these. That is eminently desirable, presupposing that such principles can be found. But that calls for careful examination. We know that to the medieval mind the universe was an extremely logical affair. The number Seven played a large part in it. There were seven planets, seven senses, seven sages, seven wonders of the world, seven circles in hell and (I believe) in heaven also, seven deadly sins, and so on, *ad infinitum*. There was nothing on earth or in heaven or hell that could not be elucidated by reason and set in its right place, see for example the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Now, as is common knowledge, the pendulum has swung violently the other way and some modern philosophers have rejected the validity of reason (as, for instance, Bergson and the psycho-analysts) and completely repudiated the sort of universe that the scholastics believed in. Bertrand Russell, for example, declares: “I think the universe is all spots and jumps, without unity, without continuity, without coherence or orderliness” and “Order, unity and continuity are human inventions just as truly as catalogues and encyclopaedias.”¹

¹ *The Scientific Outlook.*

We will not pause to criticise this point of view except to indicate the difficulties that must beset anyone who tries to destroy reason, since, *ipso facto*, he debars himself from using reason wherewith to accomplish his task. But we must refer to the fact that the discoveries of Uranus and Neptune (Pluto and the asteroids may be omitted from the discussion) have beyond doubt destroyed the neat and tidy astrological scheme of the medieval students, and we can never feel safe again, even if we were able to make a fresh scheme with twelve planets, one for each sign. The menace of further planets being discovered would always hang over us. How neat that scheme was! How deeply to be regretted! The Sun and Moon as symbols of the supreme male and female principles; Mercury, the Child, and then a Greater and Lesser Benefic and a Greater and Lesser Malefic, each exactly opposed to the other in value. Jupiter was Expansion and Saturn Contraction; Venus was Attraction and Mars Repulsion: from those root-ideas flowed all that could be predicted of any of them. And then, upon this most excellent scene of cosmic logic and harmony, came the irruption of Uranus the explosive and Neptune the disintegrative, with Pluto, as it were, grinning halfway through the door, and nobody knows what other complications waiting in the passage outside!

The upshot seems to be that we must no longer rely too much upon deductions from alleged principles and must settle our difficulties by appeals to *fact*. It may be that Jupiter and Saturn are *not* exact opposites, any more than a beech is the exact opposite of an oak, or a sapphire of a ruby. Exact opposites rarely occur in nature, and is not astrology founded on nature? It *may*, of course, be a sort of mental conception which man imposes on nature, as Russell supposes order, unity and continuity to be; but personally I do not take readily to that view. But I do believe that astrology is full of paradoxes. Jupiter, let us say, is the planet of liberty; but it is also ruler of Pisces, with its affinity with the 12th house, associated with confinement. Also it is the planet of law, which is usually regarded as regulative and restrictive.

And another thesis I would propound is, that before we can talk too glibly about scientific astrology, we must wait for the scientists and philosophers to decide, if they ever will, what the basic tenets and view-points of science are. It is notorious that authorities on different sciences tend to have very divergent world-views.

I would say, therefore, that we had better consider carefully how we talk about science and astrology; but if we mean by scientific astrology, common-sense astrology, founded on care-

fully collected facts rather than on haphazard and occasional observations or sheer fancies, then let us have as much of it as we possibly can. As for that ideal astrology, in which each factor represents one basic conception from which all its manifestations can be traced, no one adhered more strongly to this at one time than I; but I begin to fear it was a not entirely satisfactory trail. There may be more order in the cosmos than Russell allows, but I fear it is not such an orderly affair as our predecessors thought, and logically I do not know why we should expect each planet in our system to stand for one basic idea any more than we would expect this of the different mountain-ranges or oceans on the earth's surface. Certainly each mountain-range has its characteristics, some very marked, and some less so. Probably that is about as far as we ought to go with our heavenly bodies. It may be otherwise; I would wish it to be so; but I have no confidence that it is.

At least one writer who made great play with his "scientific" astrology betrayed a complete failure to understand modern thought; his idea of a scientific world-conception was that of some two or even more generations ago, when the mechanistic view was almost universal. To him the astrological solar system was a mechanical model in which the planets were so many engines. He did not appear to have heard of such problems as the nature of causation and the enigma of action-at-a-distance. Saturn on my ascendant would give me a cold just as an electric battery would give me a shock.

This is a cheerful view, at least to me, inasmuch as, since we can insulate ourselves from electric shocks, we might also learn to insulate ourselves from Saturn. It is also a view that would commend itself to "popular" consumption. But it is out of touch with modern science.

Nor does it meet many facts of astrology.

Thus it seems fairly certain that astrological phenomena have nothing to do with causation, as usually understood. They depend rather upon a law of synchronisation, i.e. that certain types of events tend to occur at the same time, presumably throughout the solar system. To take a simple case: we all believe, probably quite correctly, that a close contact between Mars and the rising degree is apt to indicate red hair, at least amongst races prone to that distinction. But the fact that a child is to have red hair is settled long before it is born or has any ascendant (except indeed in the epoch): how then can Mars in aspect with its ascendant cause it to have red hair? Unless indeed you care to postulate a sort of "causing backward," which is not causing at all in the usual sense.

But according to those 'who talk of astrological vibrations, rays, waves, and so forth, some "influence" comes from Mars and acts much as electricity might do, though with a different effect. Even from the standpoint of common sense it is obvious that this is inadmissible.

The same type of mind rejects all directions, but not transits, because directional action will not fit into his world-conception. Unfortunately for him, the day-for-a-year method is accepted by virtually all experienced astrologers as having at least some relation to the truth.

It seems clear, at least to me, that the idea of planetary causation must be rejected. This leads me to close on a practical note.

Although it is not always convenient, as a matter of English composition, we ought to discard all phrases that carry the causative taint, such as "influences" and (worse still) that word so beloved of woolly minds—"vibrations." This has the practical advantage that the sceptic can no longer confront us with the obvious question as to the nature of these influences and vibrations—a question which, of course, we cannot answer, though we can reply with counter-questions: that, however, is bad logic and perhaps bad manners!

Moreover, by replacing the causative conception of astrology with the synchronistic, we move so to speak from the position of obsolete science to that of modern thought.

Lastly, we are probably talking in accordance with fact rather than the reverse.

" Q 6 "

By GEORGE H. BAILEY

"Find out the cause of this effect;
Or rather say, the cause of this defect,
For this effect defective comes by cause."

THE editorial comment in the March Quarterly on the relationship between specific diseases and bad aspects together with our reactions thereto raises several interesting problems. It seems to me that the amount of suffering attendant on bad directions must not only vary with the intensity and nature of the aspects and planets concerned, but also according to the capacity of the individual to feel it, and although the march of civilization has removed many evils which brought about much suffering in the past, the greater degree of nervous tension

resulting from modern ways of living may well make lighter afflictions more keenly felt, so that in effect, we suffer just as much as (if not more than) our ancestors did. They were born into and were accordingly inured to conditions we would not tolerate to-day any more than posterity will bear with our own crudities. Mankind is ever striving to mitigate painful experiences yet at the same time is becoming so much more keenly sensitive to finer gradations of feeling that our descendants of a thousand generations hence will probably find the lights squared by angular malefics just as uncomfortable as we ourselves and our ancestors have found them.

The argument developed in the same Editorial concerning the difficulty in predicting physical limitations such as blindness makes one question to what extent it is possible to locate the seat of a disease in the human body from indications in the natal map. Plenty of rules exist, as every student knows, some being based on the direct relationship between the twelve signs (or houses) and the bodily form, some on the number of signs between those containing the planets and those they govern, and others on various subdivisions of the signs, while some attribute effects to certain localised degrees, but whether any of these rules can be applied in a simple and straightforward manner is open to question. Statistics would doubtless settle the point, but there we still await assistance from those of the medical fraternity sufficiently broadminded to furnish us with the necessary data.

The further fact brought to light by the Editor that Martian afflictions are no longer accompanied by smallpox to the same extent as in the past rather disposes of the problem as to whether one astrological configuration or a combination of such can really indicate a specific disease, and we are forced back to the psychological effect.¹ After all, our horoscopes do not reveal things as they are, but only as they appear to us, and if we are destined to spend many weeks in the confinement of a sickroom it probably matters little whether bronchitis, pleurisy or pneumonia sent us there. One important factor psychologically is the restriction of our activities and our forced dependence upon others for the time being, and although the Geminian nature of the complaint may be shown in the natus, the onset of a particular disease may in fact be quite unpre-

¹ In this connection we may also consider the doctrine of the unity of all disease, and the allied teachings that all diseases are the manifestations, in different forms, of two or three basic "dyscrasias." Hahnemann taught that there were three such—syphilis, sycosis and psora.—EDITOR.

dictable. This does not imply that a mode of living or of treatment during the course of an illness cannot be prescribed, for it is quite possible that in the future astro-medical research will go much further into the relationship between horoscopic configurations (both radical and progressed) and psycho-therapy, and from the directions in force at any time the necessary remedial measures can be indicated, no matter whether the actual disease likely to manifest itself is known or not.

As a case in point I give below the horoscopic data of a lady born on February 6, 1919, at 8.57 p.m. G.M.T., 51° N. $23\frac{1}{2}'$, 2° W. $9\frac{3}{4}'$. That some concern over the health would arise from time to time is only to be expected from the presence of no less than four planets in the 6th (using the Campanian system with cusps as centres), but the difficulty in pointing to a particular channel through which ill-health would develop (and in determining the periods in which it would occur) is not lightened in any way by analysing the planetary positions and aspects concerned. Sol is not far below the cusp, and although it loses much of its power when in the 6th (and in this case is weak in Aquarius) it is not unduly afflicted, for the only aspects it forms, although not good ones, are all wide ($\text{♂ } \text{♂ } 8\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, $\text{♂ } \text{♄ } 10^{\circ}$, and $\text{♂ } \text{♅ } 9\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$). Uranus is just above the cusp, opposed by Saturn (within 2°) and widely conjoined with Venus, the latter being in Pisces in fairly close conjunction with Mars. Although Mars is not at home in Pisces, Venus is exalted there, and the two planets are not only in close sextile with Luna (exalted in Taurus, but just above the 8th cusp), but are in close trine with Pluto and Jupiter in the 10th in Cancer—another exaltation.

Now, the 6th house is not only concerned with sickness, for it rules working conditions, service, one's fellow workers and occupational matters of all kinds, and from a horoscope such as this it would indeed be a difficult matter to predict in what way the effects of the radical configurations would manifest in the life, even with a knowledge of the progressions. Ill-health might have perhaps been looked for as the Sun passed the other bodies in the 6th, but as nothing of that nature developed, it was hardly to be expected that a mere lunar direction would herald the commencement of a long and mysterious malady. Yet such was the case, for when the progressed Moon moved from the opposition of Saturn to the conjunction with Uranus in the autumn of 1941, symptoms of heart trouble began to appear, and although she had previously been an enthusiastic cyclist and walker, the native showed signs of distress after the shortest of walks. During meals her sight was affected by a mistiness in the eyes, her ankles began to swell, the least

exertion induced shortness of breath, and she became so exhausted that she was forced to give up work, and eventually took to bed on November 21, 1941.

It was hoped that a long rest in a recumbent position would rectify matters, but time brought no signs of improvement, and after three or four months had passed swellings occurred in various parts of the body, while the catamenia gradually ceased. In the middle of August 1942 she was taken to the local hospital for observation, tuberculosis being suspected. Tests negatived this hypothesis, and after several specialists had confessed themselves beaten by the symptoms, further X-ray examinations revealed a very rare disease known as "polyserocitis," affecting both heart and liver, one of the chief features being the collection of fluid round the waist.

She was discharged as incurable six weeks later, but through the good offices of an evacuated London physician was admitted to a hospital in which he was interested. There various tests were carried out, and it was eventually decided that an abnormal deficiency in one of the essential vitamins was the cause of the trouble. A course of injections brought little change in her condition, however, and later an attempt was made to drain away all the fluid. This operation occurred on May 27, 1943, and was unsuccessful, for although over two gallons were drawn off, much remained behind, and a 14-lb. increase in weight which occurred shortly afterwards revealed that more fluid was rapidly being formed. At the time of writing (July 1943) the medical theory is that the blood pressure is so high as to cause leakage of fluid through the walls of the arteries.

It must not be thought that the native is suffering acutely, for, apart from the discomfort of a swollen body and her enforced confinement, she seems to enjoy the attentions bestowed on her by the hospital staff, doctors and students—as might be expected from the good aspects to Luna.

The case seems to be largely psychological, for the breakdown in health followed an emotional shock. The native was engaged to a man in the R.A.F., who in the course of his training was sent, in the middle of July 1941, on an operational flight over the North Sea, where he disappeared without trace. At that time the native's progressed Moon was midway between the opposition to Saturn p. and Saturn r. (the conjunction with Uranus r. occurring at the end of September and with Uranus p. a month later), and while this direction might be regarded as the precipitator of the unfortunate train of events which followed, so serious a condition can only be accounted for by a more ponderous configuration.

Such a configuration is to be found in the converse directions, for in 1941 Saturn had moved to the exact opposition with Uranus r., close to the line of the 12th and 6th cusps. I have previously noticed that events following on the completion of aspects between the heavy planets lying within orbs at birth are frequently of great import in the life, and this case provides ample confirmation. Illness connected with the death of a lover is indicated clearly enough by Saturn in the 8th from the 5th opposing Uranus on the cusp of the 6th, the signs involved (Ω and ϖ) ruling the heart and blood respectively, and to corroborate the Uranian effect it is a fact that *bathing* aggravates the symptoms and the native can only be sponged down, while the confinement resulting from Saturn in the 12th (often a prominent feature in the maps of prisoners of war) needs no emphasising.

Mr. Pilkington has been good enough to confirm the astro-diagnosis, and points out the Aquarian tendency to certain forms of dropsy, the capacity of the blood to handle water (and its connection with menstruation) being regulated by the cell-salt ruled by that sign (nat. mur.), the co-rulers of which in this nativity are in opposition with one another.

But—to revert to my original query—would any of us have predicted this sequence of events? Now that they have occurred it is easy to see how a particular *external* calamity induced a morbid condition in the native, as foreshadowed not only in the radix but also in the progressions, yet I doubt whether in the present state of our knowledge it would have been possible to forestall the onset of so mysterious a malady. Let those who think otherwise consider the directions yet to come¹ and prognosticate accordingly, for there is ample scope in this case alone, and it is only by pooling our knowledge and the results of our researches that we can make the progress so necessary in this branch of astrology.

Incidentally, the case affords excellent proof of the Campanian system of house division, for by the semi-arc method only Venus and Mars are in the 6th (on the cusp), Sol and Uranus being in the 5th and Saturn in the 11th.

As students of astro-heredity as well as astro-pathologists will doubtless be interested in the horoscope of the lady's father, I am also giving his birth data (March 18, 1890, 8.50 a.m. G.M.T., 51° N. 14', 2° W. 19½'). The two heavy planets associated with his daughter's illness, although in sextile, are both just within the borders of the 6th, Saturn being again in Leo

¹ ♀ p. \square PL-21 r., ♂ p. \square M.C. ♂ asc. r., ♀ con. ♂ M.C. \square asc. r., ♀ con. \square) r., ♂ con. ♂ \odot r., M.C. con. \square ♀ r., asc. con. \odot ♂ r.

but this time opposing Luna in Aquarius, whose 4° of south latitude places her in the 12th and much closer to Saturn's opposition than apparent by zodiacal position only.

Here again the completion of a natal aspect corresponded with a critical period, for when by secondary progression Saturn formed the exact *mundane* opposition with the Moon (a form of aspect about which I wrote in "Q 5") the native's heart gave trouble. This direction was actually spread over many years, for it occurred as Saturn came to one of his stations, but although as early as 1927 it gave preliminary warnings of its operation in the form of a rapid pulse when the native retired to bed at night, it was not until the converse Moon moved from the conjunction with Saturn c. to Saturn r. in April-May 1930 that more serious indications began to develop, and by the time the converse Moon had moved to the opposition with her natal place in the autumn of 1930 the native's breakdown was complete. He was laid up from October 1930 until the end of February 1931, and during this period all his teeth were extracted (a typically Saturnian ordeal) as in Mr. Robson's case quoted in the June issue and for the same reason, the poisoning of the arteries. During 1931 the forward Moon also passed through Leo and formed the same aspects, but as Saturn's teeth had already been drawn (and I trust readers will pardon the double meaning), the native was enabled to continue at work by lying up during his hours of leisure.

The rising sign Gemini was evidently involved in the complaint, which was diagnosed as cardiac asthma, and the native had many severe bouts of this spasmodic affection in the years that followed, as might have been expected from Saturn's stationary position on the prime circle of the Moon. Even to-day the native's activities are restricted and he is unable to indulge in any form of physical exertion other than the bare minimum, a state of affairs typical of Luna in the 12th opposed by Saturn in the 6th—another vindication of the Campanian housing system.

Another case in which the accumulation of fluid played a part in illness is that of a lady born on April 16, 1911, at 4.20 a.m. L.S.T., 12° N. 58', 77° E. 34' (10.50 p.m. G.M.T., April 15, 1911). The origin of the malady again seems to have been psychological, for its onset coincided with marriage in September 1930, at which time she not only developed an abnormal thirst and a corresponding aversion to solid food, but could retain very little of the small amounts she managed to eat.

Despite this, however, the stomach became unduly distended after each meal, while the faeces were continually very loose.

Here the 6th house does not appear to be involved unless the horoscope is recast for London, where the native lived (M.C. $\cong 6$, asc. $\uparrow 7\frac{1}{2}$), which would place the opposition from Jupiter in Scorpio to Saturn-Mercury in Taurus across the prime circle of the 12th-6th cusps, but it seems more probable that the T-square between Luna in Scorpio, Mars in Aquarius and Venus in Taurus lay at the root of the trouble.

Many specialists were consulted with varying success but none could stop the steady progress of the complaint, and the native lost weight more and more as time went by, while, strangely enough, her husband's girth increased. One theory was that the stomach was either too small to hold much or that its outlet had narrowed to such an extent that it was not capable of passing on the food that entered it. Menstruation also ceased and by 1937 the native was confined to hospital where she eventually went under a number of operations (including one for appendicitis in September 1937) most of which were performed with the object of removing the fluid which had collected round the stomach and which had apparently caused the restrictions in that organ. The last operation occurred on December 12, 1937, and although it was considered successful the native died of heart failure the following day.

Quite apart from the illness a peculiar idiosyncrasy of this case was the fondness of the native for pet animals which, however (both before and after marriage), either died or were killed soon after she obtained them. Several burglaries at her home were another feature of her married life.

Although the astrological indications of the malady seem clear enough from the T-square mentioned (the fluidic condition of Aquarius disturbing the alimentiveness of Venus-Taurus and the Moon in Scorpio being concerned with the sexual relationship), the directions involved are not so obvious. At death the progressed Sun, ruler of the natal 6th, had not quite reached the opposition to Luna (hyleg in this map), and the converse ascendant had just passed the conjunction with the radical Mars, but except for the forward and converse lunar directions affecting the T-square, and the square of the progressed Venus (ruler of the 8th) to the radical ascendant followed by its opposition to the M.C.r., the onset of the illness does not appear to be shown out strongly in the progressions. Concerning the death, however, I must record the fact (as in Mr. Robson's case) that Mars was transiting its natal place but a day or two before.

The examination of a horoscope in the light of events usually brings out many interesting points and demonstrates in no uncertain manner not only the truth of astrology but also the wonderful degree of accuracy it would be possible to obtain in one's prognostications were one endowed with the gift of determining which of the salient features of the nativity are likely to be stirred into activity by the progressions in force at any time. In Case No. 1, for instance, we have seen the astrological indications of the death of a lover, but the horoscope reveals more than that, for not only was he younger than the

CASE	M.C.	ASC.	☉	☽
I	II 28 $\frac{1}{4}$	MX 28 $\frac{3}{4}$	17 ≈ 2	5 8 4
II	≈ 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	II 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	27 X 44	23 ≈ 46
III	† 23 $\frac{1}{2}$	X 21 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 ♀ 50	21 M 5

CASE	♂	♀	♂	♂
I	4 ≈ 53	4 X 54	8 X 13	6 ≈ 41 R
II	8 X 42	4 ♀ 37	6 † 31	4 ≈ 37
III	14 8 20	27 8 48	24 ≈ 29	11 M 34 R

CASE	h	h	ψ	PL
I	25 Ω 27 R	27 ≈ 5	7 Ω 41 R	4 ≈ 50 R
II	28 Ω 26 R	25 ≈ 47 R	2 II 8	5 II 2
III	7 8 48	29 ♀ 12 D.S.	18 ≈ 50 S.D.	26 II 6

native, as shown by Mercury in the 5th, but suffered a good deal of unpleasantness in his home life because of his mother, as can be seen from the square to Mercury from the Moon in the 8th, the 4th house from the 5th.

There is no doubt that many details of a person's qualities, conditions, environment and association can be predicted from the horoscope if one is able to develop the faculty to the full, as I can affirm from personal contact with an old professor who had this gift to a remarkable degree and consequently was able to make most amazingly accurate forecasts in minute detail. It

may be that such an endowment borders on psychic divination, but in the professor's case I think it was acquired by sheer weight of experience. As in everything we touch in life, constant effort along a certain line brings with it a certain intuition by which we automatically know whether we have judged rightly, and which makes us masters in that particular craft. So it should be with astrology. Instead of merely dabbling in it as so many of us do (and as I have done myself, alas!) we should carry out more practical work in the way of actual readings, keeping in constant touch with the natives concerned to verify our prognostications. A careful delineation takes up a good deal of time, I must admit, but the experience so gained is well worth it, and as more and more readings are undertaken both speed and skill are acquired.

In this high aim changing world conditions and the psychological factor must together receive due consideration, for, as originally pointed out, although the eradication of certain evils precludes the possibility of suffering them, adverse aspects must still be endured. To predict their operation with assurance and to prescribe remedial measures we must know more and more about them, and to that end we must endeavour to make a science of our art by accumulating vast quantities of data, by making a multitude of observations and by carrying out more and more experiments.

And even then our ignorance or faulty judgment will leave wide loopholes for that most upsetting factor of all—free will.

THE FOCAL CHART

(Third Instalment)

By "REGULUS"

Aries	18 Midheaven; Mars 28½ (1) { Hitler desc. 27¾ Churchill ♀ 28½ War Chart ♀ 29½ " " desc. 29½	Libra	18 Nadir 21¼ (6) { Ingress ♀ 15 ♀ 17 Hitler ♂ 19 asc. 27¾ Churchill 21 23 ♂ 17 War Chart asc. 29½
Taurus	Dominant ♀ 12 21 15 Hitler ♀ 16¾ ♂ 16½ Mussolini ♀, desc. 21 (2) 21 War Chart ♂ 22 Ingress ♀ 23 ♀ 26 ♂ 28	Scorpio	17½ (7) { Stalin 13 Churchill asc. 18 Mussolini asc. 21

27 11th Cusp; Saturn
 Gemini
0 Uranus
15 Jupiter
 $24\frac{3}{4}$ (3) { Roosevelt MC 22
 ♂ 27
 Ingress desc. $26\frac{3}{4}$

Cancer
7 12th Cusp

Leo
3 Mercury

$8\frac{1}{2}$ **Ascendant**
 $12\frac{1}{2}$ (4) { War Chart MC 9
 Hitler ♀ $13\frac{1}{2}$
 Churchill ♀ 15

15 Sun

26 2nd Cusp
 Virgo

$6\frac{1}{2}$ (5) { Mussolini MC 2
 Churchill ♀ 2 MC 6
 Stalin ♀ 9
 War Chart ♀ $9\frac{1}{2}$ ☉ 10

14 Venus

18 3rd Cusp

26 Neptune

27 5th Cusp.

Sagittarius
 8 (8) { Dominant asc. 6
 Churchill ☉ 8
 Stalin ♀ 10

Capricorn

7 6th Cusp
 9 (9) { Hitler ♀ $6\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $8\frac{1}{4}$
 Dominant ♀ 12

Aquarius

$8\frac{1}{2}$ (10) { Roosevelt ♀ 5 ☉ 11
 Churchill ♀ $9\frac{1}{2}$
 conjoint
 $8\frac{1}{2}$ Descendant

26 8th Cusp
 Pisces

18 9th Cusp

$23\frac{1}{2}$ (11) { Dominant ♀ 23
 Ingress ♂ 24

NOTE:—In the above tabular version the words in bold type belong to the focal chart, the other items are the "boxed" clusters of planetary positions.

I am now in a position to give the judgment, by the methods I have discussed in my first and second articles, on the above focal chart, and I claim that in this way all the most significant and important correspondences between the necessary charts is neither left unconsidered nor fail to receive their due and proper importance and relevancy.

I must stress that the ultimate judgment must be in the terms of and in keeping with the natal charts of the principal actors, and I divide it into two parts:—

I. Significance of the Principal Aspect Clusters and their Mutual Aspects.

II. Consideration of the Mundane Focal Chart.

In introduction I must point out that all the items quoted on the focal chart are taken from the natal horoscopes as published of Mr. Winston Churchill, the dictators Hitler and Mussolini, Joseph Stalin and President Roosevelt, as representing themselves and the countries whose spokesmen they are at present. The mundane charts are those for the ingress of the Sun into Aries at March 21, 1941 (the Dominant for 1941), the ingress of the Sun into Cancer at June 21, 1941 (the ingress nearest to the event), and the transit of Mars over Aries 18, in trine to Scorpio 18, Mr. Churchill's radical or natal ascendant.

I. THE ASPECT CLUSTERS

The planets in the various related charts form eleven important clusters, as follows, whose mutual aspects will now be discussed:—

<i>Cluster Influences</i>	<i>Position (Focus)</i>	<i>Aspects</i>
(1) Churchill, Hitler	Aries 28 $\frac{3}{4}$	* (3) \searrow (11) \circ (6) wide
(2) Most Charts	Taurus 21	\searrow (3) \nearrow (6) * (11)
(3) Roosevelt, Ingress	Gemini 24 $\frac{3}{4}$	Δ (6) \square (11)
(4) Churchill, Hitler, War Chart	Leo 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	\square (7) \wedge (9) \vee (5) wide
(5) Churchill, Stalin, Mussolini, War Chart	Virgo 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	\square (8) Δ (9) \nearrow (10)
(6) Churchill, Hitler, War Chart, Ingress	Libra 21 $\frac{1}{4}$	\vee (7) \nearrow (11)
(7) Churchill, Stalin, Mussolini	Scorpio 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	
(8) Churchill, Stalin, Dominant	Sagittary 8	\searrow (9) * (10)
(9) Hitler, Dominant	Capricorn 9	\searrow (10)
(10) Churchill, Roosevelt	Aquarius 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
(11) Dominant, Ingress	Pisces 23 $\frac{1}{2}$	

It will be noticed that the zodiac is here circuited by clusters (1), (3), (6) and (11), which form the useful pattern:—

(1) sextile (3)
 (3) trine (6)
 (6) quincunx (11)
 (11) semi-sextile (1)

In this the pattern opposition-trine-sextile has had the opposition split up into a quincunx-semi-sextile, and if readers will check up my first article on "Group Aspects," appearing in the June 1943 issue of *Astrology*, they will note the following combination of significances:—

Opposition-trine-sextile—Eventual success, culminative.

Division of *Opposition* into semi-sextile-quincunx—No conclusion or culmination, latent difficulties.

What are we to conclude from these conflicting elements? The opposition of (6) to (1) is $7\frac{1}{3}^{\circ}$ apart, rather wide in my experience, but there are many astrologers who believe in wider orbs than this.

We know that actually a decision was reached, and that the meeting culminated in the "Atlantic Charter," but all will agree that this was part of a greater concerted whole, in which many further difficulties and problems of supply, men and materials had later to be faced, and though "Lease-Lend" and the "Atlantic Charter" undoubtedly have helped Russia to beat back the Nazis, and our gallant Eighth and First Armies to tackle Rommel and the problem of Tunisia, other meetings have been necessary and will still be necessary to give the culmination to the real essential problem—"Winning the War."

Another circuit is incomplete, that of (5) square (8) sextile (10) opposition (4) hardly in orbs of semi-sextile to (5). The indication is mainly adverse, the semi-sextile-square breaking the favourable trine-sextile-opposition trio. It is interesting that in these clusters Churchill's planets occur in seven of them, and in two of the first circuit, and in all of this latter circuit. Churchill had to face a certain amount of criticism in 1941-42 till the better turn of the war began to show the real plan that the Allies had had to keep secret. Roosevelt also had to keep mum over the 1942 Representative elections till the French North Africa coup could be made public. And Australia bitterly criticised Churchill over the Pearl Harbour affair and the loss of Singapore.

II. THE FOCAL CHART DELINEATED

In the Focal Chart we have the following identifications:—

<i>Planet</i>	<i>Rules</i>	<i>Significance</i>
Mars in Aries in 10th, ruler for	Churchill	Gt. Britain; Government
Mercury in Leo in 12th, ruler for	Roosevelt	Secret Council
Venus in Virgo in 2nd, ruler for	Hitler and War Chart	Finance
Mars in Aries in 10th, ruler for	Mussolini and Stalin	Gt. Britain; Germany; Government

Jupiter in Gemini

in 11th, ruler for Dominant and
Ingress

Legislation; also United
States

Sun in Leo (in rule)

in 1st, ruler for Transit

Home Affairs

Mars sextile Jupiter; Venus square Jupiter, quincunx Mars; Sun sextile Jupiter and trine Mars and M.C. These are all very illuminating. Jupiter is definitely the keystone for 1942 and especially June to September; Hitler's Mars is adversely aspected; Stalin's Mars is in good aspect, and curiously enough Mussolini should derive some benefit. The transit's Sun as ruling the focal chart is in benefic aspect to Jupiter, and for a last relevant influence the Mars is in conjunction with the mid-heaven of the chart. These are all good auguries for the Allies and serve to emphasise what has already been discussed for the aspects of the Clusters.

Space does not permit the full delineation of the whole chart, but I think I have indicated sufficient to illustrate the methods of judgment adopted, and enough, anyway, to elucidate the main problem.

(Conclusion)

STUDIES IN THE FIXED STARS

An Interlude

As we go to press I have received the following letter from an American correspondent which raises points that deserve careful examination and discussion:

In regard to the effect of the Fixed Stars on a horoscope, there is a point that has puzzled me for some time, and I am wondering if you would care to incorporate in your "Studies of the Fixed Stars" something that might clarify my problem.

How can one ascertain which of the Fixed Stars do affect either the ascendant itself or planets at any distance from the midheaven or nadir? Lilly is said to have predicted the Great Fire of London from the fact that the Bull's North Horn was conjunct the London ascendant—18th degree of Gemini. I notice from Robson's list that this star has only 5°23' degrees of north lat., which may explain why it has its effect. But when we come to Sirius, which is said to rise in London with 17° Leo, it would not affect a 13° Cancer ascendant. Or take Rigel, which both Simmonite and Pearce state rises with 27° Cancer and sets with 14° Taurus, it couldn't affect either an ascendant or planet near the ascendant in England. But how can we know how to compute the degree at which these fixed stars rise

in different places, or set? And how compute whether they affect planets in any houses except the 10th and 4th? This is a point that has puzzled me and I haven't been able to obtain any information as to the correct procedure. As far as I have been able to find out, most astrologers simply take the longitude, if they consider these fixed stars at all.

It seems to me that this point must be associated with your discussion *re* the effect of latitude, which is also a point that still needs clarification. I imagine many students will be interested in your articles on these subjects, which seem to me well chosen.

One might have expected one of the major fixed stars to have influenced the London chart at time of the blitz, but I have been unable to find anything. To me, it is rather disappointing.

(From Mrs. Kathleen Hamblen, 2288 Bronson Hill Drive, Hollywood 28.)

The question of the latitude of fixed stars is, of course, an old one. To take an extreme instance, for the purpose of making the problem clear to beginners: the Pole Star has a longitude of $27\frac{1}{2}^\circ \Pi$. But, of course, that does not mean that when $27\frac{1}{2}^\circ \Pi$ is on the eastern horizon the Pole Star is there, for it is well known that it is always at approximately the same point in the heavens, which in our latitudes is far above the horizon. What it means is that a line drawn from one pole of the ecliptic to the other through $27\frac{1}{2}^\circ \Pi$ would also pass through Polaris.

Now personally I do not think there is much in the question of latitude as a factor modifying what we call, for convenience sake, stellar "influence." That is merely a personal opinion and others hold quite different views. I believe the "influence" of the ecliptic extends from pole to pole, so that if my ascendant or Sun or Moon is in $27\frac{1}{2}^\circ \Pi$ then it may be said to be in zodiacal conjunction with Polaris, for what they may be worth.

Similarly, if $13^\circ \varnothing$ is on the ascendant I would say it is in zodiacal conjunction with Sirius, though I have made little or no mention in this series of articles of such cases, because of the dubiety which surrounds them, and also because of the uncertainty of birth-time which makes mundane positions unsatisfactory subjects for study from any point of view.

But if 17° Leo rises at London and Sirius is actually rising, and not merely its longitudinal degree, we get what I would call a mundane conjunction of this star with the ascendant; and it would be a matter for research as to which of the two conditions is the more important.

In order to study the stars and house-position it is necessary to have a celestial globe, or to be able to visualise one, for it is essentially a three-dimensional problem, and the question arises

as to which system of house-division we employ. Pelaris, being close to the meridian, will necessarily be in the 10th house by the Campanus method, so that, if $27\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Π rises, we have the complex of a star in the 10th house but zodiacally conjoined to the ascendant, which might be thought to bestow eminence or the reverse, according to the nature of the star.

As regards the last paragraph of the letter, it must be remembered that London was not the only city blitzed by any means. The blitz as a whole was clearly shown in the summer ingress at London, but I have not studied it from the standpoint of the stars.

I am sorry to be, I fear, unhelpful, but the problems connected with the subject have never been satisfactorily clarified and continual research seems the only way to settle them.

(To be continued)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MINOR ASPECTS

From "CRITIAS."

Students should never forget that no aspect formed by direction is likely to be followed by very important results unless two conditions are complied with, (a) the aspecting bodies are in contact at birth, and (b) the natal contact is of the same nature as the directional.

The only exception would be to (a) when the bodies are of major importance in themselves. Thus a direction between the Sun and Saturn or Uranus might be important even if they were not in contact at birth. But generally the rule holds.

The point then is that directions that comply with these rules very often are of the so-called minor kinds. For the directional square formed from the natal sextile, or the directional trine formed from the natal square, or the directional opposition formed from the natal trine, tend to cancel out, producing nothing either very good or very bad.

But the semisextile or semisquare formed from a natal conjunction may be quite powerful, or the sesquiquadrate or quincunx that pass to an opposition, or the natal opposition that is followed by a directional quincunx or sesquiquadrate. Not because these minor contacts are powerful in themselves, but because they derive power from their radical formations. Thus the student who tabulates all his major directions but "can't be bothered with" the minor aspects, is likely to miss valuable pointers.

"MYSELF AND HITLER"

From MR. A. W. MITCHELL.

May I comment on the extremely interesting and useful article by the lady born on the day after Hitler?

It seems to me that there were several other points of difference that might have been more strongly stressed besides the decan position of the Moon.

(1) The transferring of the ♂-♀ conjunction from 7th to 8th, moving the effect from the world of action into that of feeling. Also I feel that, owing to its natural association with ♀, ♂ in the 8th must be easier to deal with than ♂ in the 7th.

(2) Whereas the principal aspect on the angles for Hitler is the difficult ♂ □ ♀, the lady's most important aspect is the much easier ♀ ✕ ♀, in her case brought on to the angles.

(3) Hitler has ☉ ruler of the M.C. angular, △ ☽ 21; the lady has ☽ ruler of the M.C. in the 3rd and it is badly afflicted—□ ♀ □ ☽. [It is also △ ♀ ♂.—ED.]

(4) Lastly, a debatable point but one which has several times caused me much difficulty. I know a lady born on the last day of 17 and find ☿ suits her much better; and conversely a lady born on the first day of 18 who is much better suited by ☿. In the first case only ♀ is in ☿ and in the second there is nothing in ☿.

In other words, these "people of the cusp" are awkward customers to judge; and possibly much of ☉ ♀ is in Hitler. Your own opinion on this point would be of great value, as I feel that only much experience will solve it.

In the case of the lady who wrote the article, she is well and truly ☉ 8, with ☉ in nearly 2° of 8.

Altogether the two maps seem to be a classical example of the well-tried principle of the importance of angular houses and their rulers, for (a further point) Hitler's ruler of the ascendant is angular; the lady's is not.

The above seem to me to give adequate explanations both for the difference in public prominence and for the fact that the lady has succeeded in overcoming ♂ □ ♀ by, I imagine, considerable renunciation and self-discipline. Whereas his evil stars have run away with Hitler.

Note by Editor: I fear I cannot venture on an opinion as to "Children of the cusp." It is difficult to get a clear-cut case. A lady known to me with ☉ in 29-44 ✕ seems to me very Piscean; but ☉ is exactly △ ♀ and ♀ is in ✕.

LATITUDE

From S. L. MACBEAN, B.Sc.

In the March Quarterly Mr. Bray describes the devitalising effect of latitude on planetary influence, while in the same issue our Editor, in discussing the fixed stars, which often have great latitude,

states that "it is probably correct to regard the signs as extending from pole to pole of the ecliptic, and dividing the entire sky into twelve segments like the e of an orange."

In the June Quarterly Mr. G. H. Bailey's view is that planetary influence probably does not extend along zodiacal degrees to reach the ecliptic but does travel along mundane house lines and will affect us as usual when the proper time comes, and he gives a number of examples from his own life to prove his point. There may be some value in the claims of Mr. Bray and Mr. Bailey, but I do not see that they have proved their points to the exclusion of other explanations.

The e is no evidence that the plane of the ecliptic is less vital than the plane of our equator or the ascendant plane of some horoscope. The ecliptic and equatorial planes are complementary to one another; neither would be effective without the other. The point of intersection of these two planes at the line adjoining the centres of the Earth and the Sun marks the first points of Aries and Libra and from these points the whole zodiacal system of signs is elaborated. (Incidentally, since we divide the ecliptic into twelve equal sections does it not seem logical that we should also divide the complementary equatorial plane into corresponding equal sections for house divisions?)

Since all astrology is based on the zodiacal signs does it seem consistent to accord more vital importance to the equatorial than to the ecliptic plane? I think not. Now the equatorial plane has the power of forming parallels of declination between bodies that may be some 24 degrees above or below it. Are we to deny to the ecliptic the corresponding power to focus the influence of the planets on to itself from various degrees of latitude? I think my contention is proved by the effectiveness of symbolic directions, which, as ordinarily used, are entirely zodiacal.

If the views of Mr. Bray as to the devitalising effect of latitude are to be accepted then some fifty per cent or more of the directions made by the progressed Moon in any map will have to be ignored. In going from node to node the Moon has over 2° of latitude in ten of the fourteen days and some 4° or more in six of the ten days!

The horoscope is usually a more complex structure than some astrologers realise, and to assume that when the progressed Moon, or other body, is forming a direction nothing else is happening is too naïve a supposition. I know of one case where a fine direction was spoiled by a malefic mid-point being involved. In another case the mundane parallel of Saturn was responsible. In other cases the character of the radical map is opposed to the direction, and in still others one direction may be stifled by a preponderance of opposing directions and transits.

THE GRAND TRINE

From (Miss) ALICE E. LEAVER.

As regards integration in birth-maps, how many of your readers, I wonder, have observed that Franklin Roosevelt and Hitler have

each a remarkable zodiacal chain? In both, these chains *are exact within one degree*, giving what Mr. Edgar Bray neatly calls "sharp effects."

President Roosevelt's is much the more important since it comprises both Lights beautifully placed and ♄ close to his ascendant:—

☉ 11.6 ≈ BQ ♃ 5.51 ≈
Q ♄ 17.55 R ♃, BQ back to ☉.

But Hitler's has no doubt been helpful in raising him from the mass of men:—

♂ 13.28 ♄ 10th, BQ midpoint ♃-2♄ 7.26 ♀ 3rd
BQ ♀ 0.51 ♀ 8th, Q back to ♂.

Concerning the "unlucky" Grand Trine:—

England's basic map set for the Coronation of William the Conqueror shows a grand trine in earth.

America's Declaration of Independence gives her one in air.

I have observed over and over again what a large number of able and gifted personages show a grand trine. They range from Sir Isaac Newton to H. G. Wells on the one hand—both scientists, and from our own Queen, Elizabeth (Tudor) to Alexander of Yugoslavia on the other.

Charles I and Oliver Cromwell are both in the brilliant throng. Charles was not a great king, but Duveen, who certainly ought to know, says of him that he "was one of the greatest and cleverest art-collectors of all times." His grand trine was in fire. Cromwell, the practical statesman, had his in earth; if it had been exact he would no doubt have been able to seize the crown which he just missed.

It is noticeable that quintilar chains generally include three elements, while grand trines are usually in one only.

Queen Elizabeth and King Alexander both fulfil the claim of Commandant Choissard that persons of the very highest intelligence have the air-signs tenanted.

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